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**From:** Butterfield, W. Scott  
**Sent:** Wed 10/28/2015 7:31:46 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Samples collected at Durango - payment for storage?

Joyce,

This is a follow up to my previous response to your email on sample retention. I have confirmed that Regions 6, 8 and 9 have directed the laboratories utilized on the Gold King Mine Response to retain all samples submitted.

The bulk of the samples went to Test America Labs. They will charge \$5.00/sample/month for storage starting 30 days after the final report is issued. At this time, there are approximately 4000 samples (rough estimate) from all regions at Test America. The first invoice would come out at the beginning of November. Based on the \$5.00 per sample cost, the November costs would probably run around \$15,000 - \$20,000 (estimate). Also any additional samples that go past 30 days from reporting will also be subject to the fee. Each Region will be billed for their specific samples.

Based on the current number of samples, here is an estimate for each region:

Region 8: Currently 1426 samples X \$5 = \$7130.00 per month

Region 6: 1197 samples X \$5 = \$5985.00 per month

Region 9: 575 samples X \$5 = \$2875.00 per month

Region 8 has additionally requested that samples be held by ESAT, Green Analytical and Timberline Aquatics. ESAT, Green Analytical and Timberline Aquatics will not charge for sample retention.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

Thank you.

-Scott

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**From:** Butterfield, W. Scott  
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**To:** 'Ackerman, Joyce'; Pryhoda, Moira; Blanchard, Mark R.; Robinson, David  
**Cc:** Ostrander, David; Williams, Laura  
**Subject:** RE: Samples collected at Durango - payment for storage?

Joyce,

It is my understanding that all laboratories utilized by Regions 6, 8 and 9 have been instructed to retain the samples. And yes there is a charge for the retention.

Each Region did pay for their own analytical costs. I will confirm tomorrow the retention costs and how they are being paid.

Thank you.

-Scott

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**From:** Ackerman, Joyce [<mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:57 PM

**To:** Pryhoda, Moira; Blanchard, Mark R.; Butterfield, W. Scott; Robinson, David

**Cc:** Ostrander, David; Williams, Laura

**Subject:** FW: Samples collected at Durango - payment for storage?

Hello again to Weston – It sounds like Region 6 is being charged storage costs by a laboratory. Could you confirm what arrangements are being made? Are each of the regions paying their own storage costs? Did each of the regions pay for their own analytical costs?

Eventually we will want samples to be transferred to the custody of one or more of the EPA Regions, but we can discuss that later.

Thanks!

Joyce Ackerman

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**From:** Ostrander, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 4:50 PM  
**To:** Ackerman, Joyce  
**Subject:** Re: Samples collected at Durango

Monica Smith said they were being charged storage.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2015, at 5:39 PM, Ackerman, Joyce <[Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov](mailto:Ackerman.Joyce@epa.gov)> wrote:

Dear Moira, Scott, Mark, and Dave – Could you please confirm that the laboratories will also keep samples taken by personnel in EPA Regions 6 and 9? I assume they were using the same labs as Region 8. If not, please let me know. Thanks!

Joyce Ackerman

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**From:** Pryhoda, Moira [mailto:[Moira.Pryhoda@WestonSolutions.com](mailto:Moira.Pryhoda@WestonSolutions.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 11:31 AM  
**To:** West, John; Romero, David  
**Cc:** Blanchard, Mark R.; Robinson, David  
**Subject:** RE: Samples collected at Durango

We have given direction to Test America, ESAT and Green Analytical to hold on to all GKM samples until further notice.

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**Subject:** Re: Samples collected at Durango

The labs typically hold on to the samples for a set period after analysis but I don't know what directions Test America was given for GKM.

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 27, 2015, at 11:20, Romero, David <[Romero.David@epa.gov](mailto:Romero.David@epa.gov)> wrote:

John...I have an attorney asking what did we do with the samples after analysis. I can't imagine you were given direction to hold on to them after a certain period of time considering holding times. Let me know what direction you were given?

David Romero

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